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CHIEF GOES DISTANCE FOR MEMBERS

courtesy photo

50th Space Wing's Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Vance Clarke, went to great distance recently to honor one of Schriever's own. Senior Airman Stacey Woodward, a former member of the 50th Security Forces Squadron, beat the competition for the second quarterly award winners and was named "Airman of the Quarter." Clarke made the trip to Woodward's new base, F.E. Warren, Wyo., to present her the award and the prizes that come with it. "This is the best part of my job," said Clarke. "I love being able to be there when we highlight our finest airmen." Woodward was presented her award at the guard mount for the 90th Security Forces Squadron.

President nominates Air Force General for top military post

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Calling Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers a man of “steady resolve and determined leadership,” President George W. Bush tapped the Kansas native to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during a news conference in Texas on Aug. 24.

If confirmed by the Senate, Myers would succeed Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton as the top uniformed officer in the U.S. military, and become the first Air Force officer to hold that post since Gen. David Jones (1978-1982). Bush also nominated Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace, currently commander of U.S. Southern Command, to become vice chairman, replacing Myers, who has held that position since March 2000.

Bush, speaking before reporters at his ranch near Crawford, Texas, called Myers “the right man to preserve the best traditions of our armed forces, while challenging them to innovate to meet the threats of the future. His is a skilled and steady hand.”

Those sentiments were echoed by Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Secretary of the Air Force James Roche.

“I’ve had the great fortune to work closely with Dick Myers and with General Hugh Shelton over these past few months,” Rumsfeld said. “What I have come to know and expect of General Myers is candor, deliberation, judgment, keen insights, fiber and good humor. His career is the embodiment of the transformation with which he will be charged as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He is a leader.”

Roche spoke confidently of the general’s qualifications for the job at hand.

“I am extremely proud that President Bush has decided to nominate General Richard Myers to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,” Roche said. “His long service to our country and extensive knowledge and broad range of experience of command in important geographic and regional assignments will ably serve the president and Secretary Rumsfeld as we proceed into a new era.”

“The entire Air Force is proud to have one of our own nominated to this high position of trust and responsibility representing all our men and women in uniform,” Roche said. “Should he be confirmed, I look forward to serving with him as we ensure our armed forces remain the best in the world.”

Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, said that Myers possesses all the right qualities to help the U.S. armed forces remain the very best in the world.

“I’ve known and worked with General Dick Myers for over two decades ... I’m both personally and professionally pleased to see his

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To learn leadership, practice leadership

Capt. Duncan Rives
50th Space Wing Chaplains Office

I had taken several psychology courses and was halfway through my second graduate class on counseling when my instructor did something that I considered to be unusual. He canceled a couple of classes and instead had us each sign up for a block of time when we would come in and play the role of a counselor while he pretended to be the person being counseled.

I had been doing well in his classes, so I figured this would be a pretty simple exercise. However, when he walked in the door and it came time for me to try to be a counselor, I found that there was a big difference between understanding various counseling theories and actually putting them to use. After introducing myself and getting his name, I was at a loss for what I should say or do next. Suddenly a four hour exam seemed less daunting than trying to spend fifteen minutes counseling this “client.” It was then that I started to experience the difference between theory and practice, between instruction and training.

I have had similar experiences in other facets of my life, not the least of which has been leadership. I spent four years in a leadership laboratory and managed to pass most of my written tests on leadership theories and styles. However, in over eight years of active duty service, I never really had or took the opportunity to practice leadership. On the one hand I could say that the jobs I had didn’t offer many chances to lead. But then I didn’t seek out opportunities to exercise my leadership knowledge or to develop my leadership style.

There are many ways we can learn to lead and practice our leadership skills. For me, being the Vice President of the Schriever CGOC has given me the opportunity to practice some of the things I learned in the classroom years ago. I have also had the chance to see others practicing leadership by volunteering to be in charge of projects and then leading other volunteers to accomplish their goals.

There are several good reasons to look for such volunteer opportunities. The main reason is that it gives you a chance to practice your leadership skills. In some ways, working with volunteers is easier. For examples, volunteers are there because they want to be there. They are working because they are motivated, so motivation will not always be a problem.

Still there are challenges to working with volunteers. Because it is not their primary job, they may need a leader who will help them to stay on track. Additionally, when it is time to do some of the unglamorous but necessary work, you may need to motivate your workers. This is more challenging in a volunteer situation since you have less authority and must rely upon more subtle skills to “get people to do what they don’t want to do and like it” (Harry S. Truman). You can’t rely on threats, so you’ll have to use other means that will make you a more effective and resourceful leader both in the organization and at work.

A final advantage to practicing leadership with volunteers is that it is a fairly safe arena in which to make mistakes from which you can learn. After all it is less damaging to your career if the squadron fundraiser flops than it is to have your unit fail to accomplish its mission.

So where can you find opportunities to gain leadership experience? You can begin with a professional organization. Run for office in a professional development organization like the Airmen’s Council, 5-6 Council, Top 3, or the CGOC. Or, if you want something a little less daunting, volunteer to head up a project for one of these groups or for your unit. You can look for ways to organize projects in your community or in other groups in which you are involved. Being a scout leader gives you a chance to lead and motivate young people. If you look around, you can find numerous ways to learn and exercise leadership.

Gaining leadership experience may depend on your own initiative and willingness to get involved. Roll up your sleeves, raise your hand, and step out to learn, to lead, to help others. And as you do so, you will give yourself an excellent chance to forge and develop valuable leadership skills.

Positive traits lead to success

Lt. Col. Larry Goodwin
12th Flying Training Wing Plans and Programs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — We possess character traits that clearly define our actions. We work to foster those same positive traits in the people we deal with each day. We want our children to emulate good character traits. We want to be surrounded by people we can trust to make decisions according to sound principles.

Many of these traits are hidden in the oaths people recite upon joining the military. Our leaders knew those defending the nation should possess these traits and formulated the oaths based on them.

During the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress established different oaths for enlisted people and officers of the Continental Army. The first oath under the Constitution was approved in September 1789 and applied to all commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers and privates in the service of the United States.

“I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic...”

The first sentence calls on us to exhibit the traits of trustworthiness and courage. The American people trust us to accept the challenges we are faced with to defend and protect the Constitution and all our country represents.

As military members, we also need the courage and mental and moral strength to press forward into whatever duty we are called.

“... that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same ...”

The second trait we display is responsibility. We exhibit commitment and dedication in that

responsibility. We should be proud to serve as responsible members of the flight, squadron, group, wing, Air Force, Department of Defense and national team.

We all depend on each other to get the job done. The principle of synergy — the whole is greater than the sum of the individual parts — applies here. As we work together to perform the mission, we accomplish more than any one individual or organization can accomplish alone.

“... and that I will obey the orders of the president of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice” or “... that I take this obligation freely, with out any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter.”

In these two phrases from the enlisted and officer oaths, we subscribe to the traits of respect, candor and unselfishness. We are not in the military for ourselves. We are here to serve. There is always someone to whom we report. It is our duty to ensure the lawful orders we receive are carried out.

We undertake the challenge to exhibit candor, being honest in what we say and how we act. Our profession of arms leaves no room for half-truths. Complete honesty in all we do must be absolute.

These are just a few of the desirable character traits we need to emulate as members of the military. Continuously striving to develop these traits in ourselves and others will ensure continued prosperity, both personally and professionally.

Character counts. It is a vital ingredient in life’s recipe for success.

CC sends kudos from exercise

Col. Larry James
50th Space Wing Commander

We just completed a tough Ulchi Focus Lens exercise that put the wing through a series of challenging scenarios. We responded to more than 600 inputs in the six day exercise and to everyone in the wing I say, “Well done!” The IG, and all those who supported them, did a great job developing the scenario, stressing every aspect of the base mission. Firefighters, security forces, civil engineering, operators, communicators, the chaplains and a host of others met the challenges thrown at them with enthusiasm and a desire to get it right. As with any exercise, there were areas identified that we can do better-let’s stay on top of those and raise the bar for the next exercise. The bottom line-we’ll be ready when a real world contingency puts us to the test.

Secondly, this is Labor Day weekend and marks the end of the 101 Critical Days of Summer. We’ve had a great summer from a safety perspective-let’s stay focused on this final weekend and all come back safe. Enjoy your holiday, spend time with family and friends and come back ready for a great fall season at the 50th.

Chief of staff sees promising skies ahead

Gen. Michael Ryan
Chief of Staff of the Air Force

From my perch, as I wrap-up my final tour, I see promising skies ahead for our Air Force...and it’s because of you and your efforts.

Despite tight budgets, you’ve arrested a stubborn four-year readiness decline. You’ve made our transition to an Expeditionary Aerospace Force work, enhancing stability in the lives of Air Force members everywhere. Your direct feedback helped win Congressional support for many of our retention initiatives and the reestablishment of a full-benefit retirement system. Your voices have been heard and answered with across the board pay raises and targeted bonuses. You have made the personal choices to continue serving our nation, ensuring we’re ready to protect America’s interests around the world. Your choices, your efforts, your dedication, your sacrifices continue to build the premier aerospace power this world has ever known. My family and I have been proud to serve with you.

As General Jumper assumes office, he brings the deepest commitment to continued improvements in capability and quality of life for all our people. Together, he and Secretary Roche, will provide superb leadership for America’s Air Force in the years ahead. Thank you for your selfless service...it’s the reason no one comes close!

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nomination as the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,” Ryan said. “He is a man of great integrity, combat proven, with an extremely sharp mind. His operational command expertise circles the globe and spans into space. His experience reaches into the political realm as the assistant to the chairman working closely with the secretary of state.

“With all these credentials, he is still as down to earth as the Harley he drives, the sheep dogs he owns, or the TR6 (car) he has rebuilt,” Ryan said. “He and Mary Jo are a couple who have given their lives to the service of our country. As the vice chairman he has earned the trust, respect and con-

fidence of the administration, Congress and each of the services. If confirmed, I am confident he will make a superb chairman.”

Myers is a 1965 graduate of Kansas State University and a veteran of the Vietnam War with more than 600 combat flying hours. He said he is ready to roll up his sleeves and get to work, building the kind of military envisioned by Bush — one that will meet “current obligations and emerging threats.”

“If confirmed,” Myers said, “I very much look forward to remaining part of this terrific defense team, captained by a dedicated and principled secretary of defense.”

Myers joined the Air Force in June 1965 and has seen a variety of assignments, ranging from squadron and wing commander to inspector general. Before taking the position of vice chairman of the JCS, he served as commander in chief of the North American Aerospace Defense Command, and commander of U.S. Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Air Force’s newest base readies for wing status

Tech Sgt. Jim Randall
821st Space Group Public Affairs

BUCKLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFPN) — For people working here, change has been the only constant during the past two years. After 40 years of being under the Air National Guard, the base was transformed Oct. 1 into the Air Force’s newest active-duty base in 16 years, under the auspices of the 821st Space Group. Now, on the one-year anniversary of that change, the base will have a wing of its own, the 460th Air Base Wing.

For two years Buckley has been a flurry of activity as the Air Force scrambles to provide the infrastructure needed for an air base wing. New offices are opening, construction abounds, and almost 300 new people have been assigned to the base.

Before the transition, the Colorado Air National Guard launched major infrastructure improvement projects here to help give the Air Force a much-needed headstart. Military construction projects totaling \$91.8 million are planned through 2007.

The 460th ABW will be better equipped to carry out the mission of supporting local active-duty people, Guardsmen, Reservists, retiree’s and families, Air Force officials said.

Currently, the 821st SG has the responsibility of providing host support to more than 20 tenant organizations on and off base, such as the Air Reserve Personnel Center and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Denver. “We’re looking forward to providing improved support to the Front Range military community,” said Col. James A. Sands, 821st Space Group commander who will command the wing following the activation. “Having an air base wing will allow us to provide better service to military families from all branches of service.”

As base host, the wing will also have overall responsibility for operating and maintaining the installation, a chore now handled by the 21st Space Wing at Peterson AFB, Colo., an hour south of Denver.

Improving quality-of-life facilities and services is a top priority at Buckley, Sands said.

Major construction projects planned for the base include a \$23 million commissary and base exchange complex slated for completion in January, a \$12 million medium-sized fitness center and an \$11.2 million second dormitory in fiscal 2002. A \$10.2 million new air base wing headquarters building is slated for fiscal 2003, among others.

Along with providing improved services and facilities to military peo-

ple, having an air base wing should benefit the local military and civilian communities, said George Peck, vice president of the neighboring Aurora Chamber of Commerce. “Buckley Air Force Base already contributes an estimated \$381 million annually to the local economy,” Peck said. “When the wing stands up, improved services and facilities on the base will probably attract and encourage more people to shop and dine in Aurora.”

Another example of how the base is impacting the local community can be found in the Buckley Housing Office. Because of the high cost of living in the surrounding area, and since there is no on-base housing for military people with family members, Buckley recently began offering government-leased housing at two nearby apartment complexes for about 70 qualifying military families.

“This arrangement benefits everyone,” said Jeff Reiboldt, housing referral office manager. “Government leasing helps eliminate many out-of-pocket expenses for families. The apartment complexes get good military renters, plus the Air Force is able to fulfill its promise to take care of people.” (Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)

DOD remains wary of ‘Code Red’ computer virus

Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Department of Defense continues to monitor its fortified computer systems for the so-called ‘Code Red’ worm virus and its variants, according to the Pentagon’s chief information officer.

John P. Stenbit, assistant secretary of defense for command, control, communications and intelligence said the Code Red denial-of-service attacks against DOD computer systems appear to have been mitigated for now.

“But, it has had its effect,” he said. “There is no question about that.”

DOD’s prophylactic efforts against information warfare threats presented by viruses such as Code Red are centered in Washington and at U.S. Space Command in Colorado, which has computer system defense as one of its missions.

“(Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart) who is in charge of Space Command has a second duty of information manager, (and) there is an operations center here in town,” Stenbit said. The DOD has bolstered its anti-information warfare efforts in recent years.

“The comparison with how the Pentagon deals with that kind of problem today compared with three or four years ago is enormously more positive,” he said. “That is a good thing, because it is enormously more dangerous these days.”

In dealing with Code Red DOD comput-

er system guardians “discovered all the normal things that happen when you start to do defensive issues and you shut down certain gateways to protect yourself,” Stenbit said.

The virus first attacked July 19 and infected more than 250,000 systems in just nine hours. Known as a “worm,” Code Red scans the Internet for vulnerable systems and attempts to infect them. The spread of the virus can shut down entire computer systems.

DOD officials identified the July 19 attack and directed publicly accessible military Web sites to cut their connections to the public. Defense computer network administrators also began installing special programs, or “patches,” that prevent the virus from spreading. The network went back online July 24.

The virus, which began mutating, attacked again July 31. DOD technicians had already patched systems in anticipation of another Code Red foray.

Pentagon spokesman Navy Rear Adm. Craig Quigley advised reporters Aug. 2 of DOD’s continued caution.

“We’re watching it very carefully. We don’t think we’re out of the woods, yet,” he said at that time.

Today’s computer attacks are highly evolved compared to those launched by hackers years ago, Stenbit said.

“These are much more sophisticated,” he said.

News briefs

Military TSP savings plan enrollments start Oct. 9

Service members starting Oct. 9 can choose to contribute a percentage of their pay to the military’s thrift savings and investment program as part of building a nest egg for retirement.

The TSP, previously available only to federal civilian employees, opens to all active duty and reserve component members of the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard, and uniformed members of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. TSP is separate from and in addition to the military retirement system, which is based on years of service and rank.

The first enrollment “open season” for persons who entered military service on or before Dec. 8, 2001, is from Oct. 9, 2001, to Jan. 31, 2002. Participants can invest any whole percentage of up to 7 percent of their base pay in any or all of five TSP funds.

Review of Iraq policy underway

Will the United States and its coalition partners patrolling the no-fly zones continue to play aerial “cat-and-mouse” with Iraqi anti-aircraft missiles and guns in the months ahead?

Stay tuned, Peter W. Rodman, assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, told reporters at the Pentagon Aug. 21. “We have not forgotten about Iraq,” he said, noting DOD and other federal agencies are now reviewing defense security policy and strategies concerning Iraq.

“This is an issue that is being taken with utmost seriousness and is being looked at with great care,” Rodman said. U.S. Central Command officials have noted that the Iraqis have fired missiles and anti-aircraft artillery at U.S. and coalition aircraft in more than 1,000 separate incidents since December 1998.

Army men power their way to softball tourney gold

It was a tough battle, but the Army men’s softball team never let up on its quest for gold and went 8-1 in play to win the Armed Forces Softball Tournament Aug. 15-17 at Fort Hood, Texas. The last time the Army captured gold was in 1995.

On the first day, Army beat Navy, 26-14 and the Marines, 8-6. Air Force kept pace by edging the Marines, 14-12 and dumping Navy 26-11. During evening games, the Marines beat Navy 18-6, while the Air Force handed Army its lone loss, a close 4-3. The second day, the Army beat Navy, 19-16, the Marines, 9-7, and shot down Air Force 26-17. The Army and the Air Force entered the last day tied 5-1.

The underdog Marines and Navy played spoilers the third day. The Marines trounced the airmen, 18-9, and the sailors then snuffed Air Force’s last hope with a convincing 11-6 win. Army swept its three, including a 12-10 squeaker against Air Force that ended the competition.

Air Force implements new dining food management system

Senior Master Sgt. Jim Krueger
Headquarters Air Force Services Agency

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force Services Agency continues to improve benefits to customers of dining facilities Air Force-wide and the food service program here is soon to be implemented in this project. An Air Force team will be here the week of September 23-26.

This new computer-based system is designed to eliminate paperwork for food managers dealing with inventories, menus and recipes. Dining facility customers may see an improvement in quality as a result and immediately will notice management limitations

with the old system have been eliminated.

“We have given the manager back the time it takes to run the facility, no longer confined to managing a computer system. Centrally an Air Force system will push standardized menus and recipes directly to them, saving them the time of creating them locally. Now they have the time to concentrate on the refinements of presentation, atmosphere and true customer service.” said Senior Master Sgt. Jim Krueger, chief of the food service operations team at AFSA in San Antonio. “Our tested and proven standard meal plans will immediately improve financial management in operations. Our meal card customers will see

the biggest benefit. Services will be able to offer more as menus are expanded and services such as grab and go improved. It allows managers to spend more time working with their people and improving operations rather than trying to maintain inventory, work their prices and do those things. Now they spend more time on quality of food.” Customer should see managers out talking to them and serving them more.

Implementations have gone well, beginning with the first base, Barksdale Air Force Base, La., back in January. The system also keeps a dining facility’s recipes up-to-date with the nutrition experts at the Air Force Services Agency and best available pricing with local vendors. “We can make good menus with sound, nutritional decisions and send those to the bases much faster,” Krueger said.

“If managers find local recipes or trends change, managers simply send the information to the central site, recipes are built, products sourced and that site is then pushed the information needed to start offering new items to the customer. This process once took months, now its down to days using e-mail and data warehousing.

Food service managers now can place food orders through e-mail directly to the Defense Supply Center in Philadelphia our Department of Defense contracted supplier. The new system will also change the 28-day menu pattern to a modern 14-day one, current with commercial industry food programs. “What we are doing here is modernizing our business practices to commercially accepted ones used within industry. Our food managers will now be even more capable with industry philosophy as they purchase and interact with local suppliers supporting our on base needs.” said George Miller, Chief of Air Force Food Service at AFSVA. Once our

implementation is completed, officials hope to have all Air Force dining facilities within the continental United States updated by Sept. 30. The new software is called Corporate Food Service, is an off-the-shelf concept and developed by Ibertech, a company in Dallas. Customers may have noticed the use already of advanced technologies, ID cards being swiped to validate meal card status, recording of menu choices and better forecasting. Commercial applications have eliminated paper forms and signature logs already. Barksdale became the test base because it has multiple dining facilities and is close to Dallas.

Our customers are reminded to bare with us as our food service staff works with a new system and these new concepts. Please continue to share comments with your food service staff. Our base food service officer is 1st Lt. Veronica Prado. (Courtesy of Air Force Services Agency News Service)



Ret. Col. Joseph Wysocki

Master Sgt. Austin Carter
AFSPC Public Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Retired Col. Joseph Wysocki, former commander of the 50th Operations Group at Schriever AFB, Colo., left the service in 1998. Although he thoroughly enjoyed his 22 years in the Air Force and had an unblemished record, he made the decision to retire from active duty to attend to family matters. He is now a senior consultant with an aerospace company located here in the Springs.

So, that’s the end of the story for the colonel. His only contacts with the Air Force are a monthly check, commissary visits and shared war stories around the officers’ club. Right?

Not quite. Three years after putting his blue uniform in the back of the closet, Wysocki is now dusting it off. He is the first Air Force officer to request to come back to the Air Force family under a new program that offers a second chance for retired active-duty members to return in a Reserve position as an individual mobilization augmentee. The request is currently making its way through the staffing and approval process enroute to the desk of the secretary of the Air Force for his final OK.

The recently passed 2001 Defense Authorization Act has made it possible for retired members to continue service without losing their retirement pay. That means that retiree’s with Air Force Specialty Codes that match against open available slots in Air Force manning can return to fill those slots.

“The program was just announced less

Program opens door for colonel’s return

than two months ago and we’ve been inundated with calls. There has been at least 100 calls for Air Force Space Command alone,” said Col. Robert Shaw, Headquarters Air Force Space Command director of Air Reserve Forces.

“Normally, our Reserves are made up from two sources: those on active duty who get out but are not retired and those who have no experience at all,” Shaw added. “We’ve never had retiree’s.”

Last month, Wysocki was at his job in Colorado Springs when an interested employee asked him if he knew about the program.

“I didn’t really pay much attention at first because I thought it was just another ad for the Reserves,” he said. “When I began to read further, it triggered a thought. I retired for family reasons and now those reasons were all behind me. I often felt that I should have stayed longer. I missed that sense of service. I was fortunate to be at the right place at the right time.”

The retiree’s would be able to stay in as IMAs until their mandatory separation date. In Wysocki’s case, a colonel’s MSD is 30 years, so he can serve another eight years.

But Shaw was quick to add that there has to be an available slot for the returning IMA.

In Wysocki’s case, that opening was for a space operator as the IMA to Vandenberg AFB’s 30th Space Wing commander, Col. Robert Worley II.

“It’s ironic because Colonel Worley replaced me at the 50th Operations Group at Schriever and that was the second time in our careers he replaced me. Now I’m going there as his IMA and I’m delighted,” Wysocki said. “This is all new territory for me. As a commander at the 50th, I learned to utilize whole units of Reserve personnel as part of the total force team. But I’ve struggled on how to properly use a single IMA slot. My biggest challenge will be to play a meaningful role in

helping to solve any problems that the commander faces. He and I will be working closely.”

Wysocki has had a wide vista of space jobs under his belt. He has worked in ICBMs, with space surveillance at Cheyenne Mountain, with satellite control at Schriever and as a Delta launch squadron commander at Cape Canaveral.

With that much command experience, Wysocki was a strong candidate for the space wing commander’s job, Shaw said.

“Space command is undergoing some profound changes. Five years from now it will be an all new cultural environment, especially in the launch field. I wanted to play a role in these times of change,” he said. “It just excites me. I don’t need the money and I certainly already have a taxing job. I just wanted to help.”

And help he shall. Wysocki will come in at the request of the 30th SW command, whenever Worley is away for extended amounts of time and needs someone to sit in his seat.

The benefits of having these retiree’s, not only officers but senior NCOs, fill roles of authority in the active force are immeasurable, said Shaw.

“Many people like Colonel Wysocki, aren’t maxed out in years yet,” he said. “In the major through lieutenant colonel range alone, you’re looking at six to eight years more they can serve. That’s a long time. The Air Force can’t lose this expertise. And, frankly, many have told me that they miss the esprit de corps of the Air Force. They miss coming in every day and working closely with other military people. They haven’t been able to satisfy that by working in the commercial world. They aren’t ready to give up the blue yet.”

If the blue can be found, that is.

“I’m still trying to find my uniform,” Wysocki said. “And I need to lose about 10 pounds.”

The Rules

- Retiree’s may come back in as Reserve under the following conditions:
- They must be Air Force retiree’s and not retired more than five years. A waiver may be considered.
 - Active-duty members with an approved projected retirement date are eligible.
 - They must meet current Air Force Reserve High Year of Tenure rules.
 - They must fill a valid vacancy. Overages may be considered.
 - They must retain the proper retainability.
 - They must be fully qualified. Retraining may be considered.
 - Officers must have resigned their regular Air Force commission.
 - They must be physically qualified.
 - The member will continue to draw active-duty retirement pay but will not receive dual compensation for active-duty retirement and Reserve participation.
 - The active-duty retirement paycheck will be reduced by 1/30th for each day a reservist performs training and they will receive a full Reserve paycheck for training performed on that same day.
 - If promoted, the member may elect Reserve retirement pay in higher grade at age 60 and, if not promoted, can still request recomputation of retired pay due to Reserve work.
 - Member can participate in the Reserve within the regular boundaries of the Reserve personnel rules.
 - Regular retiree covered under Veterans’ Group Life Insurance can automatically receive Servicemen’s Group Life Insurance immediately upon entering the Reserves unless they refuse.
 - Members are not eligible to participate in the Reserve Survivors Benefit Program; the active-duty SBP remains in effect.

1st SOPS chalks up another milestone

Senior Airman Charles Rogers
1st Space Operations Squadron

The 1st Space Operations Squadron added yet another page to its list of achievements Aug. 8.

Airman 1st Class John Mach, a mult-certified ground system and satellite operator, contacted a Midcourse Space Experiment satellite thus marking their 250,000 satellite contact.

1st SOPS was activated in 1987 as the 1st Satellite Control Squadron to operate the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program, Defense Support Program and Global Positioning System satellite constellations. The squadron was re-named in 1992. Since then, 1st SOPS accepted NASA's Advanced Composition Explorer, Technology for Autonomous Operational Survivability and MSX satellite constellations and transferred the DMSP mission to 6th SOPS (then an

active-duty unit located at Offutt, but now a reserve unit at Schriever).

1st SOPS disposed of TAOS in 2000. Currently, the squadron operates the DSP, GPS, MSX and ACE constellations. 1 SOPS can add its 250,000th satellite contact to its long list of achievements, which include (among others) being the oldest space operations unit in the Air Force, the last squadron to command a satellite from the de-activated Indian Ocean Station and the first unit to employ junior-enlisted space operators. Col. Diann Latham, 50th Operations Group commander, presented a certificate recognizing this remarkable milestone to Lt. Col. Mike Chesonis, squadron commander. "This certificate belongs to all present and previous 1st SOPS team members. Their dedication to service and unfailing loyalty lends credence to our motto: The first and the best—always in control," said Chesonis.

Members beware

The British Ministry of Defense Police and Air Force Office of Special Investigations are currently conducting an investigation into a company that rents vehicles to United States and other authorized personnel in and around the RAF Lakenheath, Alconbury and Mildenhall areas within the United Kingdom. The allegations are that this company may have charged for damage to rental vehicles, which did not occur, and also that U.S. personnel may have been deceived into paying other fraudulent charges for vehicles. This scheme was cleverly disguised so that those who have been subjected to the frauds committed by this company please contact Special Agent Nate Guyear at 7-5049 so he may collect some information from you.

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Wing agencies, sheriff's department team up for base exercise



photos by Clint Wilson

▲ 50th SFS members carry an injured person to safety during the hostage stand-off. The situation helped the sheriff's department practice extracting an injured person in a hostile environment.

▲ An El Paso County SWAT member uses his shield for protection as he carefully moves in on the hostage taker.



photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Horton



▲ The El Paso County Sheriff's SWAT and 50th SFS members move into position during an exercise hostage situation.



▲ Col. Diann Latham, 50th Operations Group commander and hostage during the exercise, receives water during the standoff with police.

▲ Staff Sgt. Manny Ramirez, 50th Security Forces Squadron, detains a protester at Schriever's main gate during an exercise scenario.



photos by Staff Sgt. Steve Horton

Ed Rivera, 2nd SOPS, drives the ball to right center field during Tuesday's win over the 50th Security Forces. Rivera's hit helped his team advance in the playoffs.

2nd SOPS in search of 3rd title

Staff Sgt. Steve Horton
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

The 2nd Space Operations Squadron softball team took another big step toward a three-peat of the base championship Wednesday by beating the 18th Intelligence Squadron 19-10.

After finishing the regular season undefeated at 19-0, 2nd SOPS started the playoffs with a convincing win over the 50th Communications Group, then, the two-time defending champions held off a determined 50th Security Forces Squadron team 22-14.

The Cops came out strong, taking a 5-4 lead after the first inning, but 2nd SOPS scored six runs in the top of the second inning and their defense kept the Cops offense locked down for the next couple of innings.

"We play as a team," said Ed Rivera, 2nd SOPS on his teams success. "Everyone knows that one guy isn't going to win the game. We try to play solid and let other teams beat themselves." Meanwhile, 18th IS reached the game against 2nd SOPS by beating NOPS Monday, and routing the 310th

Space Group 17-4 in five innings Tuesday.

2nd SOPS undefeated season looked like it was in jeopardy early in Wednesday's game. 18th IS came out playing strong defense and forced 2nd SOPS to play catch-up most of the game. The defending champs kept their cool, though, and played through a few uncharacteristic mistakes to keep the game close and take the lead in the top of the sixth inning, 13-9.

After holding 18th IS scoreless in the bottom of the sixth, 2nd SOPS put the game away by scoring six more in the seventh. 18th IS was only able to score one in their half of the last inning, for the 19-10 final.

The loss dropped them to the "loser's bracket" where they were defeated by the 50th SFS 16-15.

(Editor's note: The championship game was played Thursday between 2nd SOPS and 50th SFS, but results were not available by press time. Please see next week's Satellite Flyer for complete coverage.)



▲ Bob Lawrence, 18th IS, slides into home plate ahead of the tag in his team's 17-4 win over 310th Space Group Tuesday.

◀ 18th IS shortstop, Michael Reinhard, throws a runner out at first. Solid defense helped 18th IS go 19-1 in regular season play, and is helping them continue to advance in the playoffs.



CAREER ENHANCEMENT

U.S. Army Space Command openings

The U.S. Army Space Command is looking to fill two positions. SATCOM Electronics Engineer (GS-12) and SATCOM Aerospace Engineer (GS-12, potential GS-13). Positions close out Sept. 20 and Sept. 19 respectively. For more information or to apply go to www.cpol.army.mil or call Jan Michnal at 556-8335.

Vacancy at fitness center

Applications are now being accepted for the following positions: Recreation Assistant NF-0189-II, regular category w/benefits: \$11/hour (3 positions) Recreation Aid NF-0189-I, flexible category, no benefits: \$9/hour (2 positions). Those interested may stop by Bldg. 210, Rm. 128 and pick up an application or go to www.opm.gov and pull up OF 612 and OF 306 and drop them off by Bldg. 210. Applications can also be mailed to 50th SPTG/SVH, 210 FALCON PARKWAY, STE 2109, SCHRIEVER AFB, CO 80912-2109. Positions will be filled mid September.

For more information, please contact Ethel Lopez, 50th Support Group, at

ethel.lopez@schriever.af.mil.

Foreign language courses

Current policy allows the use of tuition assistance funds for officers taking foreign language courses (AFI 36-2306, para 5.6.4) in support of the Air Force’s Foreign Area Officer program. The Air Staff was recently made aware of the new International Health Specialist Program which expands the FAO program and enhances the medical services’ expeditionary nature and diversity of skill sets available.

The IHS program establishes a career-long regional medical focus where personnel in the medical career field (4XX) are expected to be proficient in at least one language other than English. In support of the new IHS program, AFI 36-2306, para 5.6.4 is amended to read as follows: 5.6.4. For Foreign language courses (officers and 4XXX enlisted personnel only). Officers and 4XXX enlisted personnel must take the Defense Language test after completing the second course.

New class offered at the fitness center

Trying to lose weight but not sure if your exercise program is worth the time you’re putting into it? A new class offered at the

Schriever Fitness Center can help you get the most from your workout. The month-long course begins on Wednesday and will be held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9- 10 a.m.

All participants must register in advance as class size will be limited.

To register, call the Fitness Center at 7-3338 or email Terry Kremer at Terry.Kremer@schriever.af.mil.

Family Support Classes

Classes are held in the Peterson Air Force Base Family Support Center classroom, 135 Dover Street, Bldg. 350, Room 1016 (unless otherwise specified). Registration is required for all classes. To register, please call the family support center at 556-6141 or stop by Rm. 1016.

Job orientation. Thursday, 1-2:30 p.m. This class gives a brief overview of information on the local job market and how the family support center can help with job searches.

Career marketing. Thursday, 8 a.m. - noon. A workshop on conducting an effective job search, writing a competitive resume and interviewing effectively for a job.

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Sponsorship training. Tuesday, 7:30-8:45 a.m. This training highlights sponsor responsibilities, relocation resources available both on and off base and the effect that sponsorship has on the overall mission. Training is required for all sponsors of military and civilian employees.

Aerospace Education Foundation Scholarship

The Peterson Air Force Base Education Center has scholarship applications for spouses of Air Force active-duty members. The 30 scholarships, valued at \$1,000 each, will be awarded in January. The scholarships are designed to encourage spouses worldwide to pursue associate/bachelor undergraduate or graduate/post graduate degrees. Application will be accepted until Nov. 1. Applications are available at the education center

Air Force Tuition Assistance

Air Force Tuition Assistance forms for courses starting on or after Oct. 1, will not be initiated until the new fiscal year October. The Air Force’s portion (75 percent) for courses starting in September will use this year’s funding. Please plan visits to the education center accordingly.

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Veteran administration info

VEAP / MGIB conversion (Process must be completed by Oct. 31)

Public Law 106-419 provides an opportunity for certain Veterans Education Assistance Program participants to now participate in the Montgomery G. I. Bill. The education office has received a list of eligible members and has started to notify individuals through e-mail. If you do not have e-mail at your desk or you feel that you are eligible for the program and have not been notified, stop by the office or call 6-4064.

MGIB (additional benefits)

Beginning May 1, PL 106-419 provides certain eligible active duty personnel the opportunity to increase Chapter 30 GI Bill benefits by \$5400 by making a maximum contribution of \$600. Additional information on this and other Veterans Education programs is available at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>.

Martial Arts Instructor(s) needed

The Peterson Fitness & Sports Center has a contract position for a Tae Kwon Do instructor and a Tai Chi instructor. Candidate(s) must be certified and work well with children as well as adults. For more information contact the Special Programs staff at 556-1515.



Legal Advice

What will happen to my estate if I die without a will?

Under Colorado Law, if you die without a will (also known as intestate), your estate will pass to the following heirs in the following order. 1-Spouse, if any, 2-Children, biological/adopted, 3-Parents, 4-Siblings, 5-Grandparents, 6-Aunts/Uncles, 7-Birth child (born to you but adopted away, 8-Birth parents, natural parent if adopted away. If the court goes through the entire family listed above and there is no one to inherit your estate, your

entire estate will become the property of the State of Colorado. In addition, if you die without a will, money that is inherited by a minor is not held in trust for that minor. The minor will get the money immediately. If you make a will, you can set up a trust for that minor. The only way you can ensure that your estate is handled the way that you want it handled is to make a will. If you have questions about this or any other legal matter, please contact the legal office at 567-5050.